

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AREAS UNDER CROP, 1946-47.

When the annual farm statistics were being collected last April, farmers were asked to indicate the areas that they intended to sow with wheat, barley and oats for all purposes (for grain, hay or feeding off) for this coming season.

During the last few weeks, particulars of their actual sowings have been obtained from a number of farmers in all districts of the State and whose areas under crop represent over 20% of the total area under crop. These actual sowings were compared with the areas intended for sowing by the same farmers and the comparative figures obtained were as follows: - Wheat - Intended 606,314, Actually sown 601,084; Barley - Intended 96,530, Actually Sown 96,733; and Oats - Intended 133,646, Actually Sown 106,066 acres.

This sample collection indicates that the areas actually sown for wheat and barley will be practically the same as had been intended, but that there will be a decrease of 20% for oats. The general experience was the same throughout the State and the Estimated totals given below are based on this experience.

The following statement gives the comparisons of the total areas for certain specified seasons.

Seasons	Wheat		Barley		Oats		Total
		Acres		Acres		Acres	
1930-31	4,507,213	a	267,369		519,300		5,293,882
1939-40	2,948,110		558,559	b	834,793	b	4,341,462
1943-44	1,675,778	c	304,382	c	558,065		2,538,225
1944-45	1,850,682		402,700		664,436		2,917,818
1945-46	2,407,253		479,384		686,128		3,572,765
1946-47							
Intended	2,700,000		550,000		600,000		3,850,000
Estimated	2,700,000		550,000		480,000	d	3,730,000

Notes: a. Maximum area for wheat
 b. Maximum areas for barley and oats
 c. Lowest areas for wheat and barley in recent years.
 d. Lowest area for oats in recent years.

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